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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRC PRESS CRITICIZES SECRETARY'S ACTIONS IN
PAKISTAN

1. AN AUGUST 12 COMMENTARY IN HONG KONG'S PRC-OWNED TA KUNG
PAO CRITICIZED SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR PRESSURING PAKISTAN
OVER ITS PURCHASE OF A FRENCH NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT. THE
COMMENTARY CLAIMED THE PLANT PURCHASE WAS IN REACTION TO INDIA'S
NUCLEAR EXPLOSION OF TWO YEARS AGO. IT IMPLIED THE SOVIETS HAD
SOMETHING TO DO WITH AIDING THE INDIAN EXPLOSION AND EXPRESSED
WONDER AS TO WHY AMERICA WAS NOW TRYING TO "FIND FAULT" WITH
PAKISTAN.

2. THE COMMENTARY REPORTED THAT KISSINGER HAD SAID PRESSURE
WOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO PAKISTAN OVER THE NUCLEAR PLANT PUR-
CHASE, BUT THEN QUOTED A "HIGH LEVEL OFFICAL" ON THE PLANE
TO FRANCE AS SAYING AID TO PAKISTAN MIGHT BE CUT OFF IF THE
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DEAL WENT THROUGH. IN ADDITION, IT DISMISSED AMERICA'S

RATIONALE THAT IT WAS TRYING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS "A JOKE," AND IMPLIED SUPPORT FOR FRANCE'S REJECTION OF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL THAT THE THREE COUNTRIES MEET TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

3. COMMENT: WHILE PEKING HAS NOT COMMENTED DIRECTLY, EXPRESSION OF DISPLEASURE WITH THE US FOR NOT BEING MORE FLEXIBLE TOWARD PAKISTAN THROUGH ONE OF ITS HONG KONG NEWSPAPERS IS A LOW-KEY WAY FOR CHINA TO INDICATE SUPPORT FOR ITS SOUTH ASIAN ALLY.
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